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SUBJ: YU CHIN-SAN VISITS KIM TAE-CHUNG

1. DEC 12 PRESS GAVE FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE TO YU CHIN-SAN'S CALL PRECEDING DAY ON KIN TAE-CHUNG. THEY REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED PROSPECTS KIM'S GOING TO UNITED STATES, KIM'S HEALTH AND YU'S SCHEDULED TRIP TO ROC.

2. FOLLOWING VISIT KIM BRIEFLY MET WITH PRESS. HE IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT HIS EARLIER STATED INTENTION NOT TO ENGAGE IN POLITICS ONLY APPLIED TO CIRCUMSTANCES AT TIME IN WHICH POLITICAL ACTIVITY NOT POSSIBLE, BUT IF CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT HE WILL AGAIN TAKE PART IN POLITICS. HE ALSO REPORTEDLY SAID THAT IT IS NECESSARY, BOTH FOR THE PEOPLE AND THE GOVERNMENT, FOR NATION TO RETURN TO DSGOCRACY.

3. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FROM REPORTERS, KCM SAID HE STILL WISHES TO GO TO U.S., THAT HE HAS BEEN ADVISED TO SEEK MEDICAL TREATMENT IN THE U.S., BUT THAT ROKG HAS NOT YET GIVEN ITS APPROVAL.

4. COMMENT: KIM'S REITERATION OF DESIRE TO GO TO U.S. SERVES TO
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KEEP AT LEAST SOME PRESSURE ON GOVERNMENT AND IT KEEP HIS PRESENT

CONDITION IN MIND OF PUBLIC. AT SAME TIME BY MENTIONING POSSIBILITY OF POLITICAL ACTION HE IS MAINTAINING OPTION OF RESUMING POLITICAL ACTIVITIES IN FUTURE.

5. GIVEN NDP INTERNAL CRITICISMS OF YU'S LEADERSHIP, HE HAS FELT IMPELLED IN PAST FEW DAYS TO MOVE IN MORE PUBLIC MANNER IN HIS ROLE AS OPPOSITION LEADER (SEPTEL REPORTS YU PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY). HIS CALL IN KIM IS PART OF THIS PATTERN.

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